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Applicant : Nobuto Yamamoto

Serial No. : Continuation Application of ASN 08/618,485,
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For : PREPARATION OF POTENT MACROPHAGE
ACTIVATING FACTORS DERIVED FROM
CLONED VITAMIN D BINDING PROTEIN
AND ITS DOMAIN AND THEIR THERAPEUTIC
USAGE FOR CANCER, HIV-INFECTION
AND OSTEOPETROSIS

Group :

Examiner :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This application is being filed under 35 C.F.R. 1.53(b). THIS IS NOT A CPA
NOR AN RCE, WE REQUEST THAT A NEW APPLICATION SERIAL NUMBER, PLEASE
DO NOT ABANDON THE PARENT APPLICATION.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete lines 25-27 on page 1.

Please amend the specification by inserting the following on page 1 in place thereof:

--This application is a Continuation Application of ASN 08/618,485, filed on March 19, 1996 entitled PREPARATION OF POTENT MACROPHAGE ACTIVATING FACTORS DERIVED FROM CLONED VITAMIN D BINDING PROTEIN AND ITS DOMAIN AND THEIR THERAPEUTIC USAGE FOR CANCER, HIV-INFECTION AND OSTEOPETROSIS which is a continuation-in-part of ASN 08/478,121 filed June 7, 1995, entitled DIAGNOSTIC PROGNOSTIC INDICES FOR CANCER AND AIDS, and the entire disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please cancel claims 1-4.

Please add the following claims.

--1. A process for cloning vitamin D₃-binding protein (Gc protein) into baculovirus comprising the step of selecting and using a baculovirus non-fusion vector and a host to clone the vitamin D₃-binding protein Gc protein (Gc protein), wherein the Gc protein has a molecular weight of approximately 52,000, approximately 458 amino acids and 3 distinct domains,

by using cDNA containing initiation codon (-16 Met) through the leader sequence to the +1 amino acid (leu of native Gc protein and introducing the cDNA

to the non-fusion vector with a polylinker carrying the EcoRI site,

isolating a full-length Gc cDNA with EcoRI termini,

digesting the cDNA for Gc protein with EcoRI enzyme, and

ligating with a ligase to produce a construct to express the Gcprotein.

2. A process for producing a cloned macrophage activating factor (GcMAFc) comprising contacting cloned Gc protein a molecular weight of approximately 52,000, approximately 458 amino acids and 3 distinct domains in vitro with immobilized beta-galactosidase and sialidase and obtaining the cloned macrophage activating factor (GcMAFc).

3. A process for producing a cloned macrophage activating factor (GcMAFc) made in accordance with the process of claim 1 comprising contacting cloned Gc protein in vitro with immobilized beta-galactosidase and sialidase and obtaining the cloned macrophage activating factor (GcMAFc).--

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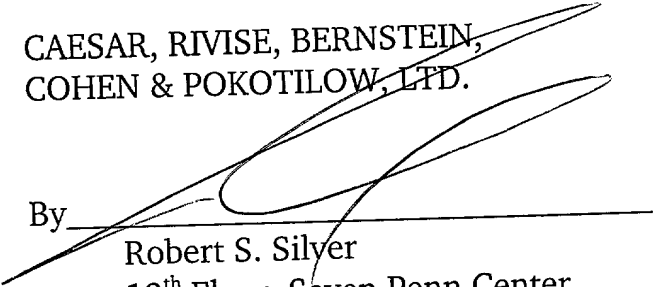
Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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